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**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549**

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**FORM 8-A**

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**FOR REGISTRATION OF CERTAIN CLASSES OF SECURITIES  
PURSUANT TO SECTION 12(b) or 12(g) OF  
THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

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**BANK OF AMERICA CORPORATION**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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**Delaware**  
(State of incorporation or organization)

**56-0906609**  
(IRS Employer Identification No.)

**BANK OF AMERICA CORPORATION**  
Bank of America Corporate Center  
100 North Tryon Street  
Charlotte, North Carolina  
(Address of principal executive offices)

**28255**  
(Zip Code)

**Securities to be registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:**

<u>Title of each class to be so registered</u>	<u>Name of each exchange on which each class is to be registered</u>
<b>Depository Shares, each representing a 1/1,000<sup>th</sup> interest in a share of 4.250% Non-Cumulative Preferred Stock, Series QQ</b>	<b>New York Stock Exchange</b>

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If this form relates to the registration of a class of securities pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Exchange Act and is effective pursuant to General Instruction A.(c) or (e), please check the following box.

If this form relates to the registration of a class of securities pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Exchange Act and is effective pursuant to General Instruction A.(d) or (e), please check the following box.

**Securities Act registration statement file number to which this form relates: 333-257399**

**Securities to be registered pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Act: None**

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**INFORMATION REQUIRED IN REGISTRATION STATEMENT**

**Item 1. Description of Registrant’s Securities to be Registered**

The securities to be registered hereby are the depositary shares (the “Depositary Shares”), each representing a 1/1,000<sup>th</sup> interest in a share of 4.250% Non-Cumulative Preferred Stock, Series QQ (the “Preferred Stock”), of Bank of America Corporation (the “Registrant”). The descriptions of the Preferred Stock and the Depositary Shares are contained in (i) the Registrant’s Prospectus, dated August 4, 2021 (the “Prospectus”), included in the Registrant’s registration statement on Form S-3 (File No. 333-257399) under the captions “Description of Preferred Stock” and “Description of Depositary Shares” and (ii) the Registrant’s Prospectus Supplement, dated October 19, 2021, under the captions “Description of the Preferred Stock” and “Description of the Depositary Shares,” and those sections are incorporated herein by reference.

**Item 2. Exhibits**

<u>Exhibit No.</u>	<u>Description</u>
3.1	<a href="#"><u>Certificate of Designations of the Preferred Stock, dated October 26, 2021</u></a>
4.1	<a href="#"><u>Deposit Agreement related to the Depositary Shares, dated October 25, 2021, among the Registrant, Computershare Inc., Computershare Trust Company, N.A. and the Holders from time to time of the Depositary Receipts</u></a>
4.2	<a href="#"><u>Form of Depositary Receipt for the Depositary Shares (included in Exhibit 4.1)</u></a>

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**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of Section 12 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this Registration Statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereto duly authorized.

Dated: October 26, 2021

**BANK OF AMERICA CORPORATION**

By: /s/ Ross E. Jeffries, Jr.  
Ross E. Jeffries, Jr.  
Deputy General Counsel and Corporate Secretary

**CERTIFICATE OF DESIGNATIONS OF  
4.250% NON-CUMULATIVE PREFERRED STOCK, SERIES QQ  
OF  
BANK OF AMERICA CORPORATION**

Bank of America Corporation, a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Delaware (the "*Corporation*"), hereby certifies that, pursuant to authority conferred upon the Board of Directors of the Corporation (the "*Board of Directors*") by the provisions of the Restated Certificate of Incorporation of the Corporation, which authorize the issuance of not more than 100,000,000 shares of preferred stock, par value \$0.01 per share, and pursuant to authority conferred upon the Preferred Stock Committee of the Board of Directors (the "*Committee*") in accordance with Section 141(c) of the General Corporation Law of the State of Delaware (the "*General Corporation Law*"), the following resolutions were duly adopted by the Committee pursuant to the written consent of the Committee duly adopted on October 19, 2021, in accordance with Section 141(f) of the General Corporation Law:

**RESOLVED**, that, pursuant to the authority vested in the Committee and in accordance with the resolutions of the Board of Directors duly adopted on June 23, 2020, the provisions of the Restated Certificate of Incorporation, the By-laws of the Corporation, and applicable law, a series of Preferred Stock, par value \$0.01 per share, of the Corporation be, and hereby is, created, and that the designation and number of shares of such series, and the voting and other powers, designations, preferences and relative, participating, optional or other rights, and the qualifications, limitations and restrictions thereof, of the shares of such series, are as follows:

**Section 1. Designation.**

The designation of the series of preferred stock shall be "4.250% Non-Cumulative Preferred Stock, Series QQ" (the "*Series QQ Preferred Stock*"). Each share of Series QQ Preferred Stock shall be identical in all respects to every other share of Series QQ Preferred Stock. Series QQ Preferred Stock will rank equally with Parity Stock, if any, will rank senior to Junior Stock and will rank junior to Senior Stock, if any, with respect to the payment of dividends and the distribution of assets in the event of any voluntary or involuntary liquidation, dissolution or winding up of the affairs of the Corporation.

**Section 2. Number of Shares.**

The number of authorized shares of Series QQ Preferred Stock shall be 52,000. That number from time to time may be increased (but not in excess of the total number of authorized shares of preferred stock) or decreased (but not below the number of shares of Series QQ Preferred Stock then outstanding) by further resolution duly adopted by the Board of Directors or any duly authorized committee of the Board of Directors and by the filing of a certificate pursuant to the provisions of the General Corporation Law stating that such increase or decrease, as the case may be, has been so authorized. The Corporation shall have the authority to issue fractional shares of Series QQ Preferred Stock.

**Section 3. Definitions.**

As used herein with respect to Series QQ Preferred Stock:

"*Business Day*" means each Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday or Friday on which banking institutions are not authorized or obligated by law, regulation or executive order to close in New York, New York or in Charlotte, North Carolina.

“*Capital Treatment Event*” means the good faith determination by the Corporation that, as a result of any: (i) amendment to, clarification of, or change in, the laws or regulations of the United States or any political subdivision of or in the United States that is enacted or becomes effective after the initial issuance of any shares of the Series QQ Preferred Stock; (ii) proposed change in those laws or regulations that is announced or becomes effective after the initial issuance of any shares of the Series QQ Preferred Stock; or (iii) official administrative decision or judicial decision or administrative action or other official pronouncement interpreting or applying those laws or regulations that is announced or becomes effective after the initial issuance of any shares of the Series QQ Preferred Stock, there is more than an insubstantial risk that the Corporation shall not be entitled to treat an amount equal to the full liquidation preference of all shares of the Series QQ Preferred Stock then outstanding as “additional Tier 1 capital” (or its equivalent) for purposes of the capital adequacy guidelines or regulations of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System or other appropriate federal banking agency, as then in effect and applicable, for as long as any share of the Series QQ Preferred Stock is outstanding.

“*Depository Company*” shall have the meaning set forth in Section 6(d) hereof.

“*Dividend Payment Date*” means February 17, May 17, August 17 and November 17 of each year, beginning on February 17, 2022.

“*Dividend Period*” means the period from, and including, the date of issuance of the Series QQ Preferred Stock or any Dividend Payment Date to, but excluding, the next Dividend Payment Date.

“*DTC*” means The Depository Trust Company, together with its successors and assigns.

“*Junior Stock*” means the Corporation’s common stock and any other class or series of stock of the Corporation now existing or hereafter authorized over which Series QQ Preferred Stock has preference or priority in the payment of dividends or in the distribution of assets on any voluntary or involuntary liquidation, dissolution or winding up of the Corporation.

“*Parity Stock*” means the Corporation’s (a) 7% Cumulative Redeemable Preferred Stock, Series B, (b) Floating Rate Non-Cumulative Preferred Stock, Series E, (c) Floating Rate Non-Cumulative Preferred Stock, Series F, (d) Adjustable Rate Non-Cumulative Preferred Stock, Series G, (e) 7.25% Non-Cumulative Perpetual Convertible Preferred Stock, Series L, (f) Fixed-to-Floating Rate Non-Cumulative Preferred Stock, Series U, (g) Fixed-to-Floating Rate Non-Cumulative Preferred Stock, Series X, (h) Fixed-to-Floating Rate Non-Cumulative Preferred Stock, Series Z, (i) Fixed-to-Floating Rate Non-Cumulative Preferred Stock, Series AA, (j) Fixed-to-Floating Rate Non-Cumulative Preferred Stock, Series DD, (k) Fixed-to-Floating Rate Non-Cumulative Preferred Stock, Series FF, (l) 6.000% Non-Cumulative Preferred Stock, Series GG, (m) 5.875% Non-Cumulative Preferred Stock, Series HH, (n) Fixed-to-Floating Rate Non-Cumulative Preferred Stock, Series JJ, (o) 5.375% Non-Cumulative Preferred Stock, Series KK, (p) 5.000% Non-Cumulative Preferred Stock, Series LL, (q) Fixed-to-Floating Rate Non-Cumulative Preferred Stock, Series MM, (r) 4.375% Non-Cumulative Preferred Stock, Series NN, (s) 4.125% Non-Cumulative Preferred Stock, Series PP, (t) Floating Rate Non-Cumulative Preferred Stock, Series 1, (u) Floating Rate Non-Cumulative Preferred Stock, Series 2, (v) Floating Rate Non-Cumulative Preferred Stock, Series 4, (w) Floating Rate Non-Cumulative Preferred Stock, Series 5, and (x) any other class or series of stock of the Corporation hereafter authorized that ranks on a par with the Series QQ Preferred Stock in the payment of dividends and in the distribution of assets on any liquidation, dissolution or winding up of the Corporation.

“*Senior Stock*” means any class or series of stock of the Corporation now existing or hereafter authorized which has preference or priority over the Series QQ Preferred Stock as to the payment of dividends or in the distribution of assets on any voluntary or involuntary liquidation, dissolution or winding up of the Corporation.

“Series *QQ Preferred Stock*” shall have the meaning set forth in Section 1 hereof.

#### Section 4. Dividends.

**(a) Rate.** Holders of Series QQ Preferred Stock shall be entitled to receive, when, as and if declared by the Board of Directors or any duly authorized committee of the Board of Directors, but only out of funds legally available for the payment of dividends, non-cumulative cash dividends based on the liquidation preference of \$25,000 per share of Series QQ Preferred Stock, and no more, payable quarterly in arrears on February 17, May 17, August 17 and November 17 of each year, beginning on February 17, 2022; provided, however, that if any such day is not a Business Day, then payment of any dividend otherwise payable on that date will be made on the next succeeding day that is a Business Day (unless that day falls in the next calendar year, in which case payment of such dividend will occur on the immediately preceding Business Day), in each case, without any additional dividends accruing or other payment adjustment and the relevant Dividend Period will not be adjusted. Dividends on each share of Series QQ Preferred Stock will accrue on the liquidation preference of \$25,000 per share at a rate *per annum* equal to 4.250%. The record date for payment of dividends on the Series QQ Preferred Stock shall be the first day of the calendar month in which the Dividend Payment Date falls or such other record date fixed by the Board of Directors or a duly authorized committee of the Board of Directors that is not more than 60 calendar days prior to such Dividend Payment Date. The amount of dividends payable shall be computed on the basis of a 360-day year of twelve 30-day months. Dollar amounts resulting from that calculation shall be rounded to the nearest cent, with one-half cent being rounded upward.

**(b) Non-Cumulative Dividends.** Dividends on shares of Series QQ Preferred Stock shall be non-cumulative. To the extent that any dividends on the shares of Series QQ Preferred Stock with respect to any Dividend Period are not declared and paid, in full or otherwise, on the Dividend Payment Date for such Dividend Period, then such unpaid dividends shall not cumulate and shall cease to accrue and be payable, and the Corporation shall have no obligation to pay, and the holders of Series QQ Preferred Stock shall have no right to receive, dividends accrued for such Dividend Period on or after the Dividend Payment Date for such Dividend Period or interest with respect to such dividends, whether or not dividends are declared for any subsequent Dividend Period with respect to Series QQ Preferred Stock, Parity Stock, Junior Stock or any other class or series of authorized preferred stock of the Corporation.

**(c) Priority of Dividends.** So long as any share of Series QQ Preferred Stock remains outstanding, (i) no dividend shall be declared and paid or set aside for payment and no distribution shall be declared or made or set aside for payment on any Junior Stock, other than a dividend payable solely in shares of Junior Stock, (ii) no shares of Junior Stock shall be repurchased, redeemed or otherwise acquired for consideration by the Corporation, directly or indirectly (other than as a result of a reclassification of Junior Stock for or into other Junior Stock, or the exchange or conversion of one share of Junior Stock for or into another share of Junior Stock, and other than through the use of the proceeds of a substantially contemporaneous sale of other shares of Junior Stock), nor shall any monies be paid to or made available for a sinking fund for the redemption of any such Junior Stock by the Corporation and (iii) no shares of Parity Stock shall be repurchased, redeemed or otherwise acquired for consideration by the Corporation otherwise than pursuant to *pro rata* offers to purchase all, or *pro rata* portion, of the Series QQ Preferred Stock and such Parity Stock except by conversion into or exchange for Junior Stock, in each case, unless full dividends on all outstanding shares of Series QQ Preferred Stock for the immediately preceding Dividend Period have been paid in full or declared and a sum sufficient for the payment thereof set aside. The foregoing limitations do not apply to purchases or acquisitions of the Corporation’s Junior Stock pursuant to any employee or director incentive or benefit plan or arrangement (including any employment, severance or consulting agreement) of the Corporation or any subsidiary of the Corporation heretofore or hereafter adopted. Subject to the succeeding sentence, for so long as any shares of Series QQ Preferred Stock remain outstanding, no dividends shall be declared and paid or set aside for payment on any Parity Stock for any period unless full dividends on all outstanding shares of

Series QQ Preferred Stock for the immediately preceding Dividend Period have been paid in full or declared and a sum sufficient for the payment thereof set aside. To the extent the Corporation declares dividends on the Series QQ Preferred Stock and on any Parity Stock but cannot make full payment of such declared dividends, the Corporation will allocate the dividend payments on a *pro rata* basis among the holders of the shares of Series QQ Preferred Stock and the holders of any Parity Stock then outstanding. For purposes of calculating the *pro rata* allocation of partial dividend payments, the Corporation will allocate dividend payments based on the ratio between the then-current dividend payments due on the shares of Series QQ Preferred Stock and the aggregate of the current and accrued dividends due on the outstanding Parity Stock. No interest will be payable in respect of any dividend payment on shares of Series QQ Preferred Stock that may be in arrears. Subject to the foregoing, and not otherwise, such dividends (payable in cash, stock or otherwise) as may be determined by the Board of Directors or any duly authorized committee of the Board of Directors may be declared and paid on any Junior Stock from time to time out of any funds legally available therefor, and the shares of Series QQ Preferred Stock shall not be entitled to participate in any such dividend.

#### **Section 5. Liquidation Rights.**

**(a) Liquidation.** In the event of any voluntary or involuntary liquidation, dissolution or winding up of the affairs of the Corporation, holders of Series QQ Preferred Stock shall be entitled, out of assets legally available for distribution to stockholders of the Corporation, before any distribution or payment out of the assets of the Corporation may be made to or set aside for the holders of any Junior Stock and subject to the rights of the holders of any class or series of securities ranking senior to or on parity with Series QQ Preferred Stock upon liquidation and the rights of the Corporation's depositors and other creditors, to receive in full a liquidating distribution in the amount of the liquidation preference of \$25,000 per share, plus any dividends which have been declared but not yet paid, without accumulation of any undeclared dividends, to the date of liquidation. The holders of Series QQ Preferred Stock shall not be entitled to any further payments in the event of any such voluntary or involuntary liquidation, dissolution or winding up of the affairs of the Corporation other than what is expressly provided for in this Section 5.

**(b) Partial Payment.** If the assets of the Corporation are not sufficient to pay in full the liquidation preference plus any dividends which have been declared but not yet paid to all holders of Series QQ Preferred Stock and all holders of any Parity Stock, the amounts paid to the holders of Series QQ Preferred Stock and to the holders of all Parity Stock shall be *pro rata* in accordance with the respective aggregate liquidation preferences, plus any dividends which have been declared but not yet paid, of Series QQ Preferred Stock and all such Parity Stock.

**(c) Residual Distributions.** If the liquidation preference plus any dividends which have been declared but not yet paid has been paid in full to all holders of Series QQ Preferred Stock and all holders of any Parity Stock, the holders of Junior Stock shall be entitled to receive all remaining assets of the Corporation according to their respective rights and preferences.

**(d) Merger, Consolidation and Sale of Assets Not Liquidation.** For purposes of this Section 5, the sale, conveyance, exchange or transfer (for cash, shares of stock, securities or other consideration) of all or substantially all of the property and assets of the Corporation shall not be deemed a voluntary or involuntary dissolution, liquidation or winding up of the affairs of the Corporation, nor shall the merger, consolidation or any other business combination transaction of the Corporation into or with any other corporation or person or the merger, consolidation or any other business combination transaction of any other corporation or person into or with the Corporation be deemed to be a voluntary or involuntary dissolution, liquidation or winding up of the affairs of the Corporation.

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## Section 6. Redemption.

**(a) Optional Redemption.** The Corporation, at the option of its Board of Directors or any duly authorized committee of the Board of Directors, may redeem out of funds legally available therefor, (i) in whole or in part, the shares of Series QQ Preferred Stock at the time outstanding, at any time on or after November 17, 2026 or (ii) in whole but not in part, at any time within 90 days after a Capital Treatment Event, in each case upon notice given as provided in Section 6(b) below. The redemption price for shares of Series QQ Preferred Stock redeemed pursuant to (i) or (ii) of the preceding sentence shall be \$25,000 per share plus (except as otherwise provided below) dividends that have accrued but have not been paid for the then-current Dividend Period to but excluding the redemption date, without accumulation of any undeclared dividends. Any declared but unpaid dividends payable on a redemption date that occurs subsequent to the record date for a Dividend Period shall not be paid to the holder entitled to receive the redemption price on the redemption date, but rather shall be paid to the holder of record of the redeemed shares on such record date relating to the Dividend Payment Date as provided in Section 4 above.

**(b) Notice of Redemption.** Notice of every redemption of shares of Series QQ Preferred Stock shall be mailed by first class mail, postage prepaid, addressed to the holders of record of such shares to be redeemed at their respective last addresses appearing on the stock register of the Corporation. Such mailing shall be at least 30 calendar days and not more than 60 calendar days before the date fixed for redemption. Any notice mailed as provided in this Section 6(b) shall be conclusively presumed to have been duly given, whether or not the holder receives such notice, but failure duly to give such notice by mail, or any defect in such notice or in the mailing thereof, to any holder of shares of Series QQ Preferred Stock designated for redemption shall not affect the validity of the proceedings for the redemption of any other shares of Series QQ Preferred Stock. Each notice shall state (i) the redemption date; (ii) the number of shares of Series QQ Preferred Stock to be redeemed and, if fewer than all the shares held by such holder are to be redeemed, the number of such shares to be redeemed from such holder; (iii) the redemption price; (iv) the place or places where the certificates for such shares are to be surrendered for payment of the redemption price; and (v) that dividends on the shares to be redeemed will cease to accrue on the redemption date. Notwithstanding the foregoing, if the Series QQ Preferred Stock is held in book-entry form through DTC, the Corporation may give such notice in any manner permitted by DTC.

**(c) Partial Redemption.** In case of any redemption of only part of the shares of Series QQ Preferred Stock at the time outstanding, the shares of Series QQ Preferred Stock to be redeemed shall be selected either *pro rata* from the holders of record of Series QQ Preferred Stock in proportion to the number of Series QQ Preferred Stock held by such holders or by lot. Subject to the provisions of this Section 6, the Board of Directors or any duly authorized committee of the Board of Directors shall have full power and authority to prescribe the terms and conditions upon which shares of Series QQ Preferred Stock shall be redeemed from time to time.

**(d) Effectiveness of Redemption.** If notice of redemption has been duly given and if on or before the redemption date specified in the notice all funds necessary for the redemption have been set aside by the Corporation, separate and apart from its other funds, in trust for the *pro rata* benefit of the holders of the shares called for redemption, so as to be and continue to be available therefor, or deposited by the Corporation with a bank or trust company selected by the Board of Directors or any duly authorized committee of the Board of Directors (the "*Depositary Company*") in trust for the *pro rata* benefit of the holders of the shares called for redemption, then, notwithstanding that any certificate for any share so called for redemption has not been surrendered for cancellation, on and after the redemption date all shares so called for redemption shall cease to be outstanding, all dividends with respect to such shares shall cease to accrue, and all rights with respect to such shares shall forthwith on such redemption date cease and terminate, except only the right of the holders thereof to receive the amount payable on



such redemption from the Corporation or such bank or trust company at any time after the redemption date from the funds so set aside or deposited, without interest. The Corporation shall be entitled to receive, from time to time, from the Depository Company any interest accrued on such funds, and the holders of any shares called for redemption shall have no claim to any such interest. Any funds so deposited and unclaimed at the end of three years from the redemption date shall, to the extent permitted by law, be released or repaid to the Corporation, and in the event of such repayment to the Corporation, the holders of record of the shares so called for redemption shall be deemed to be unsecured creditors of the Corporation for an amount equivalent to the amount set aside or deposited as stated above for the redemption of such shares and so repaid to the Corporation, but shall in no event be entitled to any interest.

#### **Section 7. Voting Rights.**

**(a) General.** The holders of Series QQ Preferred Stock shall not be entitled to vote on any matter except as set forth in paragraphs 7(b) and 7(c) below or as required by law.

#### **(b) Special Voting Right.**

**(i) Voting Right.** If and whenever dividends on the Series QQ Preferred Stock or any other class or series of preferred stock that ranks on parity with Series QQ Preferred Stock as to payment of dividends, and upon which voting rights equivalent to those granted by this Section 7(b)(i) have been conferred and are exercisable, have not been paid in an aggregate amount equal to, as to any class or series, the equivalent of at least six or more quarterly Dividend Periods (whether consecutive or not), the number of directors constituting the Board of Directors shall be increased by two, and the holders of the Series QQ Preferred Stock (together with holders of any class of the Corporation's authorized preferred stock having equivalent voting rights, whether or not the holders of such preferred stock would be entitled to vote for the election of directors if such default in dividends did not exist), shall have the right, voting separately as a single class without regard to series, to the exclusion of the holders of common stock, to elect two directors of the Corporation to fill such newly created directorships (and to fill any vacancies in the terms of such directorships), provided that the election of such directors must not cause the Corporation to violate the corporate governance requirements of the New York Stock Exchange (or other exchange on which the Corporation's securities may be listed) that listed companies must have a majority of independent directors and further provided that the Board of Directors shall at no time include more than two such directors. Each such director elected by the holders of shares of Series QQ Preferred Stock and any other class or series of preferred stock that ranks on parity with Series QQ Preferred Stock as to payment of dividends having equivalent voting rights is a "*Preferred Director*."

**(ii) Election.** The election of the Preferred Directors will take place at any annual meeting of stockholders or any special meeting of the holders of Series QQ Preferred Stock and any other class or series of the Corporation's stock that ranks on parity with Series QQ Preferred Stock as to payment of dividends and having equivalent voting rights and for which dividends have not been paid, called as provided herein. At any time after the special voting power has vested pursuant to Section 7(b)(i) above, the secretary of the Corporation may, and upon the written request of any holder of Series QQ Preferred Stock (addressed to the secretary at the Corporation's principal office) must (unless such request is received less than 90 days before the date fixed for the next annual or special meeting of the stockholders, in which event such election shall be held at such next annual or special meeting of stockholders), call a special meeting of the holders of Series QQ Preferred Stock and any other class or series of preferred stock that ranks on parity with Series QQ Preferred Stock as to payment of dividends and having equivalent voting rights and for which dividends have not been paid for the election of the two

directors to be elected by them as provided in Section 7(b)(iii) below. The Preferred Directors shall each be entitled to one vote per director on any matter.

**(iii) Notice of Special Meeting.** Notice for a special meeting to elect the Preferred Directors will be given in a similar manner to that provided in the Corporation's By-laws for a special meeting of the stockholders. If the secretary of the Corporation does not call a special meeting within 20 days after receipt of any such request, then any holder of Series QQ Preferred Stock may (at the Corporation's expense) call such meeting, upon notice as provided in this Section 7(b)(iii), and for that purpose will have access to the stock register of the Corporation. The Preferred Directors elected at any such special meeting will hold office until the next annual meeting of the Corporation's stockholders unless they have been previously terminated or removed pursuant to Section 7(b)(iv). In case any vacancy in the office of a Preferred Director occurs (other than prior to the initial election of the Preferred Directors), the vacancy may be filled by the written consent of the Preferred Director remaining in office, or if none remains in office, by the vote of the holders of the Series QQ Preferred Stock (together with holders of any other class of the Corporation's authorized preferred stock having equivalent voting rights, whether or not the holders of such preferred stock would be entitled to vote for the election of directors if such default in dividends did not exist) to serve until the next annual meeting of the stockholders.

**(iv) Termination; Removal.** Whenever full dividends have been paid regularly on the Series QQ Preferred Stock and any other class or series of preferred stock that ranks on parity with Series QQ Preferred Stock as to payment of dividends, if any, for the equivalent of at least four quarterly Dividend Periods, then the right of the holders of Series QQ Preferred Stock to elect the Preferred Directors will cease (but subject always to the same provisions for the vesting of the special voting rights in the case of any similar non-payment of dividends in respect of future Dividend Periods). The terms of office of the Preferred Directors will immediately terminate, and the number of directors constituting the Board of Directors will be reduced accordingly. Any Preferred Director may be removed at any time without cause by the holders of record of a majority of the outstanding shares of the Series QQ Preferred Stock (together with holders of any other class of the Corporation's authorized preferred stock having equivalent voting rights, whether or not the holders of such preferred stock would be entitled to vote for the election of directors if such default in dividends did not exist) when they have the voting rights described in this Section 7(b).

**(c) Other Voting Rights.** So long as any shares of the Series QQ Preferred Stock remain outstanding, the Corporation shall not, without the affirmative vote or consent of the holders of at least 66 $\frac{2}{3}$ % of the voting power of the Series QQ Preferred Stock and the holders of any other Parity Stock entitled to vote thereon, voting together as a single class, given in person or by proxy, either in writing without a meeting or at any meeting called for the purpose, authorize, create or issue any capital stock ranking senior to the Series QQ Preferred Stock as to dividends or the distribution of assets upon liquidation, dissolution or winding up, or reclassify any authorized capital stock into any such shares of such capital stock or issue any obligation or security convertible into or evidencing the right to purchase any such shares of capital stock. Further, so long as any shares of the Series QQ Preferred Stock remain outstanding, the Corporation shall not, without the affirmative vote of the holders of at least 66 $\frac{2}{3}$ % of the shares of the Series QQ Preferred Stock, amend, alter or repeal any provision of this Certificate of Designations or the Certificate of Incorporation of the Corporation, including by merger, consolidation or otherwise, so as to adversely affect the powers, preferences or special rights of the Series QQ Preferred Stock.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, (i) any increase in the amount of authorized common stock or authorized preferred stock, or any increase or decrease in the number of shares of any series of

preferred stock, or the authorization, creation and issuance of other classes or series of capital stock, in each case ranking on a parity with or junior to the shares of the Series QQ Preferred Stock as to dividends and distribution of assets upon liquidation, dissolution or winding up, shall not be deemed to adversely affect such powers, preferences or special rights and (ii) a merger or consolidation of the Corporation with or into another entity in which the shares of the Series QQ Preferred Stock (A) remain outstanding or (B) are converted into or exchanged for preference securities of the surviving entity or any entity, directly or indirectly, controlling such surviving entity and such new preference securities have powers, preferences or special rights that are not materially less favorable than the Series QQ Preferred Stock shall not be deemed to adversely affect the powers, preferences or special rights of the Series QQ Preferred Stock.

**(d) No Vote if Shares Redeemed.** No vote or consent of the holders of the Series QQ Preferred Stock shall be required pursuant to Section 7(b) or 7(c) if, at or prior to the time when the act with respect to such vote or consent would otherwise be required shall be effected, the Corporation shall have redeemed or shall have called for redemption all outstanding shares of Series QQ Preferred Stock, with proper notice and sufficient funds having been set aside or deposited for such redemption, in each case pursuant to Section 6 above.

**(e) Procedures for Voting and Consents.** Other than as set forth in Section 7(b), the rules and procedures for calling and conducting any meeting of the holders of Series QQ Preferred Stock (including, without limitation, the fixing of a record date in connection therewith), the solicitation and use of proxies at such meeting, the obtaining of written consents and any other aspect or matter with regard to such a meeting or such consents shall be governed by any rules the Board of Directors or any duly authorized committee of the Board of Directors, in its discretion, may adopt from time to time, which rules and procedures shall conform to the requirements of the Certificate of Incorporation and By-laws of the Corporation and to applicable law.

**Section 8. Preemption and Conversion.** The holders of Series QQ Preferred Stock shall not have any rights of preemption or rights to convert such Series QQ Preferred Stock into shares of any other class of capital stock of the Corporation.

**Section 9. Rank.** Notwithstanding anything set forth in the Certificate of Incorporation or this Certificate of Designations to the contrary, the Board of Directors or any authorized committee of the Board of Directors, without the vote of the holders of the Series QQ Preferred Stock, may authorize and issue additional shares of Junior Stock or Parity Stock.

**Section 10. Repurchase.** Subject to the limitations imposed herein, the Corporation may purchase and sell Series QQ Preferred Stock from time to time to such extent, in such manner, and upon such terms as the Board of Directors or any duly authorized committee of the Board of Directors may determine; provided, however, that the Corporation shall not use any of its funds for any such purchase when there are reasonable grounds to believe that the Corporation is, or by such purchase would be, rendered insolvent.

**Section 11. Unissued or Reacquired Shares.** Shares of Series QQ Preferred Stock not issued or which have been issued and converted, redeemed or otherwise purchased or acquired by the Corporation shall be restored to the status of authorized but unissued shares of preferred stock without designation as to series.

**Section 12. No Sinking Fund.** Shares of Series QQ Preferred Stock are not subject to the operation of a sinking fund.

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**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, Bank of America Corporation has caused this Certificate of Designations to be executed by its duly authorized officer on this 26<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2021.

**BANK OF AMERICA CORPORATION**

By: /s/ Ross E. Jeffries, Jr.

Name: Ross E. Jeffries, Jr.

Title: Deputy General Counsel and Corporate Secretary

BANK OF AMERICA CORPORATION  
4.250% NON-CUMULATIVE PREFERRED STOCK, SERIES QQ

DEPOSIT AGREEMENT

among

BANK OF AMERICA CORPORATION,

COMPUTERSHARE INC.,

and

COMPUTERSHARE TRUST COMPANY, N.A., together, the Depository,

and

THE HOLDERS FROM TIME TO TIME OF  
THE DEPOSITARY RECEIPTS DESCRIBED HEREIN

Dated as of October 25, 2021

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**THIS DEPOSIT AGREEMENT** dated as of October 25, 2021 (this “Agreement”), among (i) BANK OF AMERICA CORPORATION, a Delaware corporation (the “Corporation”), (ii) COMPUTERSHARE INC., a Delaware corporation (“Computershare”), and COMPUTERSHARE TRUST COMPANY, N.A., a national banking association and affiliate of Computershare (the “Trust Company” and together with Computershare, the “Depository”), and (iii) the Holders from time to time of the Receipts described in this Agreement.

## RECITALS

**WHEREAS**, the parties desire to provide, as set forth in this Agreement, for the deposit of shares of the Corporation’s perpetual 4.250% Non-Cumulative Preferred Stock, Series QQ, \$0.01 par value, from time to time with the Depository for the purposes set forth in this Agreement and for the issuance hereunder of Receipts (as defined herein) evidencing Depository Shares (as defined herein) in respect of the Stock (as defined herein) so deposited; and

**WHEREAS**, the Receipts are to be substantially in the form of Exhibit A annexed hereto, with appropriate insertions, modifications and omissions, as hereinafter provided in this Agreement;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, in consideration of the premises, the parties hereto agree as follows:

## ARTICLE I DEFINED TERMS

### Section 1.1. Definitions.

The following definitions shall for all purposes, unless otherwise indicated, apply to the respective terms used in this Agreement:

“Certificate” shall mean the Certificate of Designations filed or to be filed with the Secretary of State of the State of Delaware establishing the Stock as a series of preferred stock of the Corporation.

“Corporation” shall mean Bank of America Corporation, a Delaware corporation, and its successors.

“Deposit Agreement” shall mean this Agreement, as amended or supplemented from time to time in accordance with the terms hereof.

“Depository” shall have the meaning set forth in the Preamble of this Agreement.

“Depository Shares” shall mean the depositary shares, each representing one one-thousandth of a share of the Stock and evidenced by a Receipt.

“Depository’s Agent” shall mean an agent appointed by the Depository pursuant to Section 5.1.



“Depository’s Office” shall mean the principal office of the Depository in Canton, Massachusetts, at which at any particular time its depository receipt business shall be administered.

“Receipt” shall mean one of the depository receipts issued hereunder, substantially in the form set forth as Exhibit A hereto, whether in definitive or temporary form, and evidencing the number of Depository Shares held of record by the Record Holder of those Depository Shares and shall include the DTC Receipt, as defined in Section 2.2, where appropriate.

“Record Holder” or “Holder” as applied to a Receipt shall mean the person in whose name that Receipt is registered on the books of the Depository maintained for such purpose.

“Registrar” shall mean the Trust Company or such other successor bank or trust company which shall be appointed by the Corporation to register ownership and transfers of Receipts as herein provided, and, if a successor Registrar shall be so appointed, references herein to “the books” of or maintained by the Registrar shall be deemed, as applicable, to refer as well to the register maintained by such successor Registrar for such purpose.

“Securities Act” shall mean the Securities Act of 1933, as amended.

“Stock” shall mean the shares of the Corporation’s 4.250% Non-Cumulative Preferred Stock, Series QQ, \$0.01 par value, with a liquidation preference of \$25,000 per share, designated in the Certificate.

“Transfer Agent” shall mean the Trust Company or such other successor bank or trust company which shall be appointed by the Corporation to transfer the Receipts and the deposited Stock.

**ARTICLE II**  
**APPOINTMENT OF DEPOSITORY; BOOK-ENTRY SYSTEM; FORM OF RECEIPTS;**  
**DEPOSIT OF STOCK; EXECUTION AND DELIVERY; TRANSFER, SURRENDER**  
**AND REDEMPTION OF RECEIPTS**

Section 2.1. Appointment of Depository

The Corporation hereby appoints Computershare and Trust Company, collectively, as Depository for the Stock, and each of Computershare and Trust Company hereby accepts such appointment as Depository for the Stock, on the terms and conditions set forth in this Agreement.

Section 2.2. Book-Entry System; Form and Transfer of Receipts.

The Corporation and the Depository shall make application to The Depository Trust Company (“DTC”) for acceptance of all of the Receipts for its book-entry settlement system. The Corporation hereby appoints the Depository acting through any authorized officer thereof as its attorney-in-fact, with full power to delegate, for purposes of executing any agreements, certifications or other instruments or documents necessary or desirable in order to effect the acceptance of such Receipts for DTC eligibility. So long as the Receipts are eligible for book-entry settlement with DTC, unless otherwise required by law, all Depository Shares with book-

entry settlement through DTC shall be represented by a single receipt (the "DTC Receipt"), which shall be deposited with DTC (or its designee) evidencing all such Depositary Shares and registered in the name of the nominee of DTC (initially expected to be Cede & Co.). The Depository or such other entity as is agreed to by DTC may hold the DTC Receipt as custodian for DTC. Ownership of beneficial interests in the DTC Receipt shall be shown on, and the transfer of such ownership shall be effected through, records maintained by (i) DTC or its nominee for such DTC Receipt or (ii) institutions that have accounts with DTC. The DTC Receipt shall bear such legend or legends as may be required by DTC in order for it to accept the Depositary Shares for its book-entry settlement system.

If DTC subsequently ceases to make its book-entry settlement system available for the Receipts, the Corporation may instruct the Depository regarding making other arrangements for book-entry settlement. If the Receipts are not eligible for book-entry form, the Depository shall provide written instructions to DTC to deliver the DTC Receipt to the Depository for cancellation and the Corporation shall instruct the Depository to deliver to the beneficial owners of the Depositary Shares previously evidenced by the DTC Receipt definitive Receipts in physical form evidencing such Depositary Shares.

Beneficial owners of Depositary Shares through DTC will not be entitled to receive Receipts in physical, certificated form or have Depositary Shares registered in their name, except as described below.

The DTC Receipt shall be exchangeable for definitive Receipts only if (i) DTC notifies the Corporation at any time that it is unwilling or unable to continue to make its book-entry settlement available for the Receipts and a successor to DTC is not appointed by the Corporation within 90 days of the date the Corporation is so informed in writing, (ii) DTC notifies the Corporation at any time that it has ceased to be a clearing agency registered under applicable law and a successor to DTC is not appointed within 90 days of the date the Corporation is so informed in writing, or (iii) the Corporation in its sole discretion notifies the Depository in writing that the DTC Receipt shall be exchangeable for definitive Receipts. If beneficial owners of interests in Depositary Shares are entitled to exchange such interests for definitive Receipts as the result of an event described in clause (i), (ii) or (iii) of the preceding sentence, then without unnecessary delay but in any event not later than the earliest date on which such beneficial interests may be so exchanged, upon receipt by the Depository of the DTC Receipt for cancellation and any other necessary documentation, the Depository is hereby directed to and shall execute and deliver to the beneficial owners of the Depositary Shares previously evidenced by the DTC Receipt definitive Receipts in physical form evidencing such Depositary Shares and to make appropriate entries in the register with respect thereto.

Receipts shall be in denominations of any number of whole Depositary Shares. The Corporation shall deliver to the Depository from time to time such quantities of Receipts as the Depository may request to enable the Depository to perform its obligations under this Agreement.

The DTC Receipt and definitive Receipts, if any, shall be substantially in the form set forth in Exhibit A annexed to this Agreement and incorporated herein by reference, with appropriate insertions, modifications and omissions, as hereinafter provided and shall be

engraved or otherwise prepared so as to comply with applicable rules of any securities exchange on which the Depositary Shares are then listed. In the case of any of the events described above resulting in the issuance of definitive Receipts in exchange for the DTC Receipt, the Depositary, pending preparation of definitive Receipts and upon the written order of the Corporation, delivered in compliance with Section 2.3, shall execute and deliver temporary Receipts which may be printed, lithographed or otherwise substantially of the tenor of the definitive Receipts in lieu of which they are issued and with such appropriate insertions, omissions, substitutions and other variations as the persons executing such Receipts may determine, as evidenced by their execution of such Receipts. If temporary Receipts are issued, the Corporation and the Depositary will cause definitive Receipts to be prepared without unreasonable delay. After the preparation of definitive Receipts, the temporary Receipts shall be exchangeable by the Holder for definitive Receipts upon surrender of the temporary Receipts at an office described in the first paragraph of Section 2.3, without charge to the Holder. Upon surrender for cancellation of any one or more temporary Receipts, the Depositary shall execute and deliver in exchange therefor definitive Receipts representing the same number of Depositary Shares as represented by the surrendered temporary Receipt or Receipts. Such exchange shall be made at the Corporation's expense and without any charge therefor to the Holder or the Depositary. Until so exchanged, the temporary Receipts shall in all respects be entitled to the same benefits under this Agreement as definitive Receipts.

Receipts shall be executed by the Depositary by the manual or facsimile signature of a duly authorized officer of the Depositary; provided that, if a Registrar for the Receipts (other than the Trust Company) shall have been appointed, such Receipts shall also be countersigned by manual or facsimile signature of a duly authorized officer of such Registrar. No Receipt shall be entitled to any benefits under this Agreement or be valid or obligatory for any purpose unless it shall have been executed as described in the preceding sentence. The Registrar shall record on its books each Receipt so signed and delivered as hereinafter provided. Receipts bearing the manual or facsimile signature of a duly authorized signatory of the Depositary who was at any time a proper and duly authorized signatory of the Depositary shall bind the Depositary, notwithstanding that such signatory ceased to hold such office prior to the delivery of such Receipts or did not hold such office on the date of issuance of such receipts.

Receipts may be endorsed with, or have incorporated in the text thereof, such legends or recitals or changes not inconsistent with the provisions of this Agreement all as may be required by the Corporation or required to comply with any applicable law or any regulation thereunder or with the rules and regulations of any securities exchange upon which the Stock, the Depositary Shares or the Receipts may be listed or to conform with any usage with respect thereto, or to indicate any special limitations or restrictions to which any particular Receipts are subject.

Title to Depositary Shares evidenced by a Receipt which is properly endorsed, or accompanied by a properly executed instrument of transfer, shall be transferable by delivery with the same effect as in the case of a negotiable instrument; provided, however, that until transfer of any particular Receipt shall be registered on the books of the Registrar as provided in Section 2.4, the Depositary may, notwithstanding any notice to the contrary, treat the Record Holder thereof at such time as the absolute owner thereof for the purpose of determining the person entitled to distributions of dividends or other distributions or to any notice provided for in this Agreement and for all other purposes.

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### Section 2.3. Deposit of Stock; Execution and Delivery of Receipts.

Subject to the terms and conditions of this Agreement, the Corporation may from time to time deposit shares of Stock under this Agreement by delivery to the Depository, including via electronic book-entry, for such shares of Stock to be deposited (or in such other manner as may be agreed to by the Corporation and the Depository), properly endorsed or accompanied, if required by the Depository, by a duly executed instrument of transfer or endorsement, in form satisfactory to the Depository, together with (i) all such certifications as may be required by the Depository in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement, including the resolutions of the Board of Directors of the Corporation or a committee of the Board of Directors, as certified by the Secretary or any Assistant Secretary of the Corporation on the date thereof as being complete, accurate and in effect, relating to issuance and sale of the Stock, (ii) an opinion of counsel to the Corporation addressed to the Depository containing opinions, or a letter of counsel to the Corporation authorizing reliance on such counsel's opinions delivered to the underwriters named therein, relating to, (A) the existence and good standing of the Corporation, (B) the due authorization of the Depository Shares and the status of the Depository Shares as validly issued, fully paid and non-assessable, and (C) the effectiveness of any registration statement under the Securities Act relating to the Depository Shares, and (iii) a written order of the Corporation, directing the Depository to execute and deliver to, or upon the written order of, the person or persons stated in such order a Receipt or Receipts for the number of Depository Shares representing such deposited Stock. Shares of deposited Stock shall be held by the Depository in an account to be established by the Depository at the Depository's Office, or at such other place or places as the Depository shall determine. As Registrar and Transfer Agent for the deposited Stock, Trust Company will reflect changes in the number of shares of deposited Stock held by it by notation, book-entry or other appropriate method.

Upon receipt by the Depository of shares of Stock deposited in accordance with the provisions of this Section 2.3, together with the other documents required as above specified, and upon registering the Stock on the books of the Corporation (or its duly appointed Transfer Agent) in the name of the Depository or its nominee, the Depository, subject to the terms and conditions of this Agreement, shall execute and deliver to, or upon the order of, the person or persons named in the written order delivered to the Depository referred to in the first paragraph of this Section 2.3, a Receipt or Receipts evidencing in the aggregate the number of Depository Shares representing the Stock so deposited and registered in such name or names as may be requested by such person or persons. The Depository shall execute and deliver such Receipt or Receipts at the Depository's Office or such other offices, if any, as the Depository may designate. Delivery at other offices shall be at the risk and expense of the person requesting such delivery.

### Section 2.4. Registration of Transfer of Receipts.

Subject to the terms and conditions of this Agreement, the Trust Company, as Registrar and Transfer Agent for the Receipts, shall register on its books from time to time transfers of Receipts upon any surrender thereof by the Holder in person or by duly authorized attorney, properly endorsed or accompanied by a properly executed instrument of transfer, including a guarantee of the signature thereon from an eligible guarantor institution participating in a signature guarantee program approved by the Securities Transfer Association, Inc. (the

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“Signature Guarantee”), and any other evidence of authority as may be reasonably required by the Trust Company (or successor Registrar or Transfer Agent). Thereupon, the Depository shall execute a new Receipt or Receipts evidencing the same aggregate number of Depository Shares as those evidenced by the Receipt or Receipts surrendered and deliver such new Receipt or Receipts to or upon the order of the person entitled thereto.

Section 2.5. Split-ups and Combinations of Receipts; Surrender of Receipts and Withdrawal of Stock.

Upon surrender of a Receipt or Receipts at the Depository’s Office or at such other offices as it may designate for the purpose of effecting a split-up or combination of such Receipt or Receipts, and subject to the terms and conditions of this Agreement, the Depository shall execute a new Receipt or Receipts in the authorized denomination or denominations requested, evidencing the aggregate number of Depository Shares evidenced by the Receipt or Receipts surrendered, and shall deliver such new Receipt or Receipts to or upon the order of the Holder of the Receipt or Receipts so surrendered.

Any Holder of a Receipt or Receipts may withdraw the number of whole shares of Stock and all money represented thereby by surrendering such Receipt or Depository Shares represented by the Receipts at the Depository’s Office or at such other offices as the Depository may designate for such withdrawals. Thereafter, without unreasonable delay, the Depository shall deliver to such Holder, or to the person or persons designated by such Holder as hereinafter provided, the number of whole shares of Stock and all money represented by the Receipt or Receipts, or Depository Shares represented by such Receipt or Receipts, so surrendered for withdrawal, but Holders of such whole shares of Stock will not thereafter be entitled to deposit such Stock hereunder or to receive a Receipt evidencing Depository Shares therefor. If a Receipt delivered by the Holder to the Depository in connection with such withdrawal shall evidence a number of Depository Shares in excess of the number of Depository Shares representing the number of whole shares of Stock to be withdrawn, the Depository shall at the same time, in addition to such number of whole shares of Stock and such money to be so withdrawn, deliver to such Holder, or subject to Section 2.4 upon his order, a new Receipt evidencing such excess number of Depository Shares; provided, however, that the Depository shall not issue any Receipt evidencing a fractional Depository Share.

Delivery of the Stock and money being withdrawn may be made by the delivery of such certificates, documents of title and other instruments as the Depository may deem appropriate (or in such other manner as may be agreed to by the Corporation and the Depository), which, if required by the Depository, shall be properly endorsed or accompanied by proper instruments of transfer including, but not limited to, a Signature Guarantee.

If the Stock and the money being withdrawn are to be delivered to a person or persons other than the Record Holder of the related Receipt or Receipts being surrendered for withdrawal of such Stock, such Holder shall execute and deliver to the Depository a written order so directing the Depository, and the Depository may require that the Receipt or Receipts surrendered by such Holder for withdrawal of such shares of Stock be properly endorsed in blank or accompanied by a properly executed instrument of transfer in blank.

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Delivery of the Stock and the money represented by Receipts surrendered for withdrawal shall be made by the Depository at the Depository's Office, except that, at the request, risk and expense of the Holder surrendering such Receipt or Receipts and for the account of the Holder thereof, such delivery may be made at such other place as may be designated by such Holder.

Section 2.6. Limitations on Execution and Delivery, Transfer, Surrender and Exchange of Receipts.

As a condition precedent to the execution and delivery, registration of transfer, split-up, combination, surrender or exchange of any Receipt, the Depository, any of the Depository's Agents or the Corporation may require payment to it of a sum sufficient for the payment (or, in the event that the Depository or the Corporation shall have made such payment, the reimbursement to it) of any charges or expenses payable by the Holder of a Receipt pursuant to Sections 3.2 and 5.7, may require the production of evidence satisfactory to it as to the identity and genuineness of any signature, including a Signature Guarantee, and may also require compliance with such regulations, if any, as the Depository or the Corporation may establish consistent with the provisions of this Agreement and applicable law and as may be required by any securities exchange on which the Stock, the Depository Shares or the Receipts may be listed.

The deposit of the Stock may be refused, the delivery of Receipts against Stock may be suspended, the registration of transfer of Receipts may be refused and the registration of transfer, surrender or exchange of outstanding Receipts may be suspended (i) during any period when the register of stockholders of the Corporation is closed or (ii) if any such action is deemed necessary or advisable by the Depository, any of the Depository's Agents or the Corporation at any time or from time to time because of any requirement of law or of any government or governmental body or commission or under any provision of this Agreement.

Section 2.7. Lost Receipts, etc.

In case any Receipt shall be mutilated, destroyed, lost or stolen, the Depository in its discretion may execute and deliver a Receipt of like form and tenor in exchange and substitution for such mutilated Receipt upon cancellation thereof, or in lieu of and in substitution for such destroyed, lost or stolen Receipt, upon (i) the filing by the Holder thereof with the Depository of evidence satisfactory to the Depository of such destruction or loss or theft of such Receipt, of the authenticity thereof and of his or her ownership thereof; (ii) the Holder thereof furnishing of the Depository with reasonable indemnification satisfactory to the Depository and the provision of an open penalty surety bond satisfactory to the Depository and holding it and the Corporation harmless; and (iii) the payment of any reasonable expense (including reasonable fees, charges and expenses of the Depository) in connection with such execution and delivery.

Section 2.8. Cancellation and Destruction of Surrendered Receipts.

All Receipts surrendered to the Depository or any Depository's Agent shall be cancelled by the Depository. Except as prohibited by applicable law or regulation, the Depository is authorized and directed to destroy all Receipts so cancelled.

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## Section 2.9. Redemption of Stock.

Whenever the Corporation shall be permitted and shall elect to redeem shares of Stock in accordance with the terms of the Certificate, it shall (unless otherwise agreed to in writing with the Depository) give or cause to be given to the Depository, not less than 30 days and not more than 60 days prior to the Redemption Date (as defined below), notice of the date of such proposed redemption of Stock and of the number of such shares held by the Depository to be so redeemed and the applicable redemption price, which notice shall be accompanied by a certificate from the Corporation stating that such redemption of Stock is in accordance with the provisions of the Certificate. On the Redemption Date, provided that the Corporation shall then have paid or caused to be paid in full to Computershare the redemption price of the Stock to be redeemed, which redemption price shall include, if required by the provisions of the Certificate, an amount equal to any accrued and unpaid dividends thereon to the date fixed for redemption and any other applicable amounts, all in accordance with the provisions of the Certificate, the Depository shall redeem the number of Depository Shares representing such Stock. The Depository shall mail notice of the Corporation's redemption of Stock and the proposed simultaneous redemption of the number of Depository Shares representing the Stock to be redeemed by first-class mail, postage prepaid (or another reasonably acceptable transmission method), not less than 30 days and not more than 60 days prior to the date fixed for redemption of such Stock and Depository Shares (the "Redemption Date"), to the Record Holders of the Receipts evidencing the Depository Shares to be so redeemed at their respective last addresses as they appear on the records of the Depository (*provided* that, if the Depository Shares are held through DTC, the Depository shall give such notice in accordance with the procedures of DTC); but neither failure to mail any notice of redemption of Depository Shares to one or more Holders nor any defect in any notice of redemption of Depository Shares to one or more Holders shall affect the sufficiency of the proceedings for redemption as to the other Holders. Each notice shall be prepared by the Corporation and shall state: (i) the Redemption Date; (ii) the number of Depository Shares to be redeemed and, if less than all the Depository Shares held by any Holder are to be redeemed, the number of Depository Shares held by such Holder to be so redeemed; (iii) the redemption price; (iv) the place or places where Receipts evidencing such Depository Shares are to be surrendered for payment of the redemption price; and (v) that dividends in respect of the Stock represented by the Depository Shares to be redeemed will cease to accrue on such Redemption Date. In case less than all the outstanding Depository Shares are to be redeemed, the Depository Shares to be so redeemed shall be selected either pro rata or by lot.

Notice having been mailed (or transmitted) by the Depository as aforesaid, from and after the Redemption Date (unless the Corporation shall have failed to provide the funds necessary to redeem the Stock evidenced by the Depository Shares called for redemption) (i) dividends on the shares of Stock so called for Redemption shall cease to accrue from and after such date, (ii) the Depository Shares being redeemed from such proceeds shall be deemed no longer to be outstanding, (iii) all rights of the Holders of Receipts evidencing such Depository Shares (except the right to receive the redemption price) shall, to the extent of such Depository Shares, cease and terminate, and (iv) upon surrender in accordance with such redemption notice of the Receipts evidencing any such Depository Shares called for redemption (properly endorsed or assigned for transfer, if the Depository or applicable law shall so require), such Depository Shares shall be redeemed by Computershare at a redemption price per Depository Share equal to one one-thousandth of the redemption price per share of Stock so redeemed plus all money

represented by such Depositary Shares, including, if required by the provisions of the Certificate, all amounts paid by the Corporation in respect of dividends which on the Redemption Date have been declared on the shares of Stock to be so redeemed and have not theretofore been paid.

If fewer than all of the Depositary Shares evidenced by a Receipt are called for redemption, the Depository will deliver to the Holder of such Receipt upon its surrender to the Depository, together with the redemption payment, a new Receipt evidencing the Depositary Shares evidenced by such prior Receipt and not called for redemption; provided, however, that the Depository shall not issue any Receipt evidencing a fractional Depositary Share and cash will be payable in respect of fractional interests.

Computershare shall, to the extent permitted by law, release or repay to the Corporation any funds deposited by or for the account of the Corporation for the purpose of redeeming any Depositary Shares that remain unclaimed at the end of three years from the applicable Redemption Date, without further action necessary on the part of the Corporation.

#### Section 2.10. Deposits.

All funds received by Computershare under this Agreement that are to be distributed or applied by Computershare in the performance of services hereunder (the "Funds") shall be held by Computershare as agent for the Corporation and deposited in one or more bank accounts to be maintained by Computershare in its name as agent for the Corporation. Until paid pursuant to this Agreement, Computershare may hold or invest the Funds through such accounts in: (i) obligations of, or guaranteed by, the United States of America, (ii) commercial paper obligations rated A-1 or P-1 or better by Standard & Poor's Corporation ("S&P") or Moody's Investors Service, Inc. ("Moody's"), respectively, (iii) money market funds that comply with Rule 2a-7 of the Investment Company Act of 1940, or (iv) demand deposit accounts, short-term certificates of deposit, bank repurchase agreements or bankers' acceptances, of commercial banks with Tier 1 capital exceeding \$1 billion or with an average rating above investment grade by S&P (LT Local Issuer Credit Rating), Moody's (Long Term Rating) and Fitch Ratings, Inc. (LT Issuer Default Rating) (each as reported by Bloomberg Finance L.P.). Computershare shall bear responsibility and liability to the Corporation for any diminution of the Funds, other than those resulting from a default by Bank of America, National Association ("BANA"), with respect to one or more bank accounts in which the Funds are deposited that is maintained by Computershare at BANA in accordance with the foregoing. Computershare may from time to time receive interest, dividends or other earnings in connection with such deposits or investments. Computershare shall not be obligated to pay such interest, dividends or earnings to the Corporation, any Holder or any other party.

### **ARTICLE III CERTAIN OBLIGATIONS OF HOLDERS OF RECEIPTS AND THE CORPORATION**

#### Section 3.1. Filing Proofs; Certificates and Other Information.

Any Holder of a Receipt may be required from time to time to file proof of residence, or other matters or other information, to execute certificates and to make such representations and



warranties as the Depository or the Corporation may reasonably deem necessary or proper. The Depository or the Corporation may withhold the delivery, or delay the registration of transfer or redemption, of any Receipt or the withdrawal of the Stock represented by the Depository Shares and evidenced by a Receipt or the distribution of any dividend or other distribution or the sale of any rights or of the proceeds thereof until such proof or other information is filed or such certificates are executed or such representations and warranties are made.

Section 3.2. Payment of Taxes or Other Governmental Charges.

Holders of Receipts shall be obligated to make payments to the Depository of certain charges and expenses, as provided in Section 5.7. Registration of transfer of any Receipt or any withdrawal of Stock and all money represented by the Depository Shares evidenced by such Receipt may be refused until any such payment due is made, and any dividends, interest payments or other distributions may be withheld or any part of or all the Stock represented by the Depository Shares evidenced by such Receipt and not theretofore sold may be sold for the account of the Holder thereof (after attempting by reasonable means to notify such Holder prior to such sale), and such dividends, interest payments or other distributions or the proceeds of any such sale may be applied to any payment of such charges or expenses, the Holder of such Receipt remaining liable for any deficiency.

Section 3.3. Warranty as to Stock.

The Corporation hereby represents and warrants that the Stock, when issued, will be duly authorized, validly issued, fully paid and nonassessable. Such representation and warranty shall survive the deposit of the Stock and the issuance of the related Receipts.

Section 3.4. Warranty as to Receipts.

The Corporation hereby represents and warrants that the Receipts, when issued, will represent legal and valid interests in the Depository Shares, and each Depository Share will represent one one-thousandth interest in a share of deposited Stock. Such representation and warranty shall survive the deposit of the Stock and the issuance of the Receipts.

**ARTICLE IV  
THE DEPOSITED SECURITIES; NOTICES**

Section 4.1. Cash Distributions.

Whenever Computershare, as distribution agent, shall receive any cash dividend or other cash distribution on the Stock, Computershare shall, subject to Sections 3.1 and 3.2, distribute to Record Holders of Receipts on the record date fixed pursuant to Section 4.4 such amounts of such dividend or distribution as are, as nearly as practicable, in proportion to the respective numbers of Depository Shares evidenced by the Receipts held by such Holders; provided, however, that in case the Corporation or Computershare shall be required to withhold, and shall withhold, from any cash dividend or other cash distribution in respect of the Stock an amount on account of taxes, or as otherwise required by law, regulation or court process, the amount made available for distribution or distributed in respect of Depository Shares shall be reduced accordingly. In the event that the calculation of any such cash dividend or other cash distribution

to be paid to any Record Holder on the aggregate number of Depositary Shares held by such Record Holder results in an amount that is a fraction of a cent and that fraction of a cent is equal to or greater than \$0.005, the amount Computershare shall distribute to such record holder shall be rounded up to the next highest whole cent; otherwise, such fractional amount shall be disregarded by the Depository; provided, however, upon the Depository's request, the Corporation shall pay the additional amount to the Depository for distribution.

Each Holder of a Receipt shall provide Computershare with its certified tax identification number on a properly completed Form W-8 or W-9, as may be applicable. Each Holder of a Receipt acknowledges that, in the event of non-compliance with the preceding sentence, the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, may require withholding by Computershare of a portion of any of the distributions to be made hereunder.

#### Section 4.2. Distributions Other than Cash, Rights, Preferences or Privileges.

Whenever Computershare shall receive any distribution other than cash, rights, preferences or privileges upon the Stock, Computershare shall, subject to Sections 3.1 and 3.2, distribute to Record Holders of Receipts on the record date fixed pursuant to Section 4.4 such amounts of the securities or property received by it as are, as nearly as practicable, in proportion to the respective numbers of Depositary Shares evidenced by such Receipts held by such Holders, in any manner that Computershare may deem equitable and practicable for accomplishing such distribution. If in the opinion of Computershare such distribution cannot be made proportionately among such Record Holders, or if for any other reason (including any requirement that the Corporation or Computershare withhold an amount on account of taxes or governmental charges) Computershare deems, after consultation with the Corporation, such distribution not to be feasible, Computershare may, with the approval of the Corporation, adopt such method as it deems equitable and practicable for the purpose of effecting such distribution, including the sale (at public or private sale) of the securities or property thus received, or any part thereof, in a commercially reasonable manner. The net proceeds of any such sale shall, subject to Sections 3.1 and 3.2, be distributed or made available for distribution, as the case may be, by Computershare to Record Holders of Receipts as provided by Section 4.1 in the case of a distribution received in cash. The Corporation shall not make any distribution of such securities or property to Computershare, and Computershare shall not make any distribution of such securities or property to the Holders of Receipts, unless the Corporation shall have provided an opinion of counsel stating that such securities or property have been registered under the Securities Act or do not need to be registered in connection with such distributions.

#### Section 4.3. Subscription Rights, Preferences or Privileges.

If the Corporation shall at any time offer or cause to be offered to the persons in whose names the deposited Stock is recorded on the books of the Corporation any rights, preferences or privileges to subscribe for or to purchase any securities or any rights, preferences or privileges of any other nature, such rights, preferences or privileges shall in each such instance be communicated to the Depository and thereafter made available by the Depository to the Record Holders of Receipts in such manner as the Depository (in consultation with the Corporation) may determine, either by the issue to such Record Holders of warrants representing such rights, preferences or privileges or by such other method as may be approved by the Depository in its

discretion with the approval of the Corporation; provided, however, that (i) if at the time of issue or offer of any such rights, preferences or privileges the Depository or the Corporation determines that it is not lawful or (after consultation with the Corporation) not feasible to make such rights, preferences or privileges available to Holders of Receipts by the issue of warrants or otherwise, or (ii) if and to the extent so instructed by Holders of Receipts who do not desire to exercise such rights, preferences or privileges, then Computershare, in its discretion (with approval of the Corporation, in any case where the Depository has determined that it is not feasible to make such rights, preferences or privileges available), may, if applicable laws or the terms of such rights, preferences or privileges permit such transfer, sell such rights, preferences or privileges at public or private sale, at such place or places and upon such terms as it may deem proper. The net proceeds of any such sale shall, subject to Sections 3.1 and 3.2, be distributed by Computershare to the Record Holders of Receipts entitled thereto as provided by Section 4.1 in the case of a distribution received in cash.

The Corporation shall notify the Depository whether registration under the Securities Act of the securities to which any rights, preferences or privileges relate is required in order for Holders of Receipts to be offered or sold the securities to which such rights, preferences or privileges relate, and the Corporation agrees with the Depository that it will file promptly a registration statement pursuant to the Securities Act with respect to such rights, preferences or privileges and securities and use its best efforts and take all steps available to it to cause such registration statement to become effective sufficiently in advance of the expiration of such rights, preferences or privileges to enable such Holders to exercise such rights, preferences or privileges. In no event shall the Depository make available to the Holders of Receipts any right, preference or privilege to subscribe for or to purchase any securities unless and until such registration statement shall have become effective, or the Corporation shall have provided to the Depository an opinion of counsel to the effect that the offering and sale of such securities to the Holders are exempt from registration under the provisions of the Securities Act.

The Corporation shall notify the Depository whether any other action under the laws of any jurisdiction or any governmental or administrative authorization, consent or permit is required in order for such rights, preferences or privileges to be made available to Holders of Receipts, and the Corporation agrees with the Depository that the Corporation will use its reasonable best efforts to take such action or obtain such authorization, consent or permit sufficiently in advance of the expiration of such rights, preferences or privileges to enable such Holders to exercise such rights, preferences or privileges.

#### Section 4.4. Notice of Dividends, etc.; Fixing Record Date for Holders of Receipts.

Whenever any cash dividend or other cash distribution shall become payable or any distribution other than cash shall be made, or if rights, preferences or privileges shall at any time be offered, with respect to the Stock, or whenever the Depository shall receive notice of any meeting at which holders of the Stock are entitled to vote or of which holders of the Stock are entitled to notice, or whenever the Depository and the Corporation shall decide it is appropriate, the Depository shall in each such instance fix a record date (which shall be the same date as the record date fixed by the Corporation with respect to or otherwise in accordance with the terms of the Stock) for the determination of the Holders of Receipts who shall be entitled to receive such dividend, distribution, rights, preferences or privileges or the net proceeds of the sale thereof, or

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to give instructions for the exercise of voting rights at any such meeting, or who shall be entitled to notice of such meeting or for any other appropriate reasons.

#### Section 4.5. Voting Rights.

Subject to the provisions of the Certificate, upon receipt of notice of any meeting at which the holders of the Stock are entitled to vote, the Depository shall, as soon as practicable thereafter, mail to the Record Holders of Receipts, determined on the record date as set forth in Section 4.4, a notice prepared by the Corporation which shall contain (i) such information as is contained in such notice of meeting and (ii) a statement that the Holders may, subject to any applicable restrictions, instruct the Depository as to the exercise of the voting rights pertaining to the amount of Stock represented by their respective Depository Shares (including an express indication that instructions may be given to the Depository to give a discretionary proxy to a person designated by the Corporation) and a brief statement as to the manner in which such instructions may be given. Upon the written request of the Holders of Receipts on the relevant record date, the Depository shall endeavor insofar as practicable to vote or cause to be voted, in accordance with the instructions set forth in such requests, the maximum number of whole shares of Stock represented by the Depository Shares evidenced by all Receipts as to which any particular voting instructions are received. The Corporation hereby agrees to take all reasonable action which may be deemed necessary by the Depository in order to enable the Depository to vote such Stock or cause such Stock to be voted. In the absence of specific instructions from Holders of Receipts, the Depository will not vote (but at its discretion, may appear at any meeting with respect to such Stock unless directed otherwise by the Holders of all the Receipts) to the extent of the Stock represented by the Depository Shares evidenced by the Receipts of such Holders.

#### Section 4.6. Changes Affecting Deposited Securities and Reclassifications, Recapitalizations, etc.

Upon any change in par or stated value, split-up, combination or any other reclassification of the Stock, subject to the provisions of the Certificate, or upon any recapitalization, reorganization, merger or consolidation affecting the Corporation or to which it is a party, the Depository may in its discretion with the approval of, and shall upon the instructions of, the Corporation, and (in either case) in such manner as the Depository may deem equitable, (i) make such adjustments as are certified by the Corporation in the fraction of an interest represented by one Depository Share in one share of Stock and in the ratio of the redemption price per Depository Share to the redemption price per share of Stock, in each case as may be necessary fully to reflect the effects of such change in par or stated value, split-up, combination or other reclassification of the Stock, or of such recapitalization, reorganization, merger or consolidation and (ii) treat any securities which shall be received by the Depository in exchange for or upon conversion of or in respect of the Stock as new deposited securities so received in exchange for or upon conversion or in respect of such Stock. In any such case the Corporation may in its discretion direct the Depository to execute and deliver additional Receipts or may call for the surrender of all outstanding Receipts to be exchanged for new Receipts specifically describing such new deposited securities. Anything to the contrary herein notwithstanding, Holders of Receipts shall have the right from and after the effective date of any such change in par or stated value, split-up, combination or other reclassification of the Stock or

any such recapitalization, reorganization, merger or consolidation to surrender such Receipts to the Depository with instructions to convert, exchange or surrender the Stock represented thereby only into or for, as the case may be, the kind and amount of shares and other securities and property and cash into which the Stock represented by such Receipts might have been converted or for which such Stock might have been exchanged or surrendered immediately prior to the effective date of such transaction.

Section 4.7. Delivery of Reports.

The Depository shall furnish to Holders of Receipts any reports and communications received from the Corporation which are received by the Depository, as the holder of the Stock, and which the Corporation is required to furnish to the holders of the Stock.

Section 4.8. Lists of Receipt Holders.

Reasonably promptly upon request from time to time by the Corporation, at the sole expense of the Corporation, the Depository shall furnish to it a list, as of the most recent practicable date, of the names, addresses and holdings of Depository Shares of all registered Holders of Receipts.

**ARTICLE V  
THE DEPOSITORY, THE DEPOSITORY'S  
AGENTS, THE REGISTRAR AND THE CORPORATION**

Section 5.1. Maintenance of Offices, Agencies and Transfer Books by the Depository; Registrar; Depository's Agents.

Upon execution of this Agreement, the Depository shall maintain at the Depository's Office, facilities for the execution and delivery, registration and registration of transfer, surrender and exchange of Receipts, and at the offices of the Depository's Agents, if any, facilities for the delivery, registration of transfer, surrender and exchange of Receipts, all in accordance with the provisions of this Agreement; provided that, to the extent provisions of this Agreement regarding transfer or registration functions performed by the Depository conflict with the terms of any transfer agency agreement between the Corporation and the Depository, the terms of such transfer agency agreement shall control.

The Registrar shall keep books at the Depository's Office for the registration and transfer of Receipts. Upon direction by the Corporation and with reasonable notice to the Registrar, the Depository shall open its books for inspection by the Record Holders of Receipts as directed by the Corporation; provided that any Holder shall be granted such right by the Corporation only after certifying that such inspection shall be for a proper purpose reasonably related to such person's interest as an owner of Depository Shares evidenced by the Receipts.

The Registrar may close such books, at any time or from time to time, when deemed expedient by it in connection with the performance of its duties hereunder.

If the Receipts or the Depository Shares evidenced thereby or the Stock represented by such Depository Shares shall be listed on one or more national securities exchanges, the

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Depository will appoint a registrar (acceptable to the Corporation) for registration of the Receipts or Depository Shares in accordance with any requirements of such exchange. Such registrar (which may be the Trust Company if so permitted by the requirements of any such exchange) may be removed and a substitute registrar appointed by the Depository upon the request or with the approval of the Corporation. If the Receipts, Depository Shares or Stock are listed on one or more other securities exchanges, the Registrar will, at the request of the Corporation, arrange such facilities for the delivery, registration, registration of transfer, surrender and exchange of the Receipts, Depository Shares or Stock as may be required by law or applicable securities exchange regulation.

The Depository may from time to time appoint Depository's Agents to act in any respect for the Depository for the purposes of this Agreement and may from time to time appoint additional Depository's Agents and vary or terminate the appointment of such Depository's Agents, provided that the Depository will notify the Corporation of any such appointment or variation or termination of such appointment.

Section 5.2. Prevention of or Delay in Performance by the Depository, the Depository's Agents, the Registrar or the Corporation.

None of the Depository, any Depository's Agent, any Registrar or the Corporation shall incur any liability to any Holder of a Receipt if by reason of any provision of any present or future law, or regulation thereunder, of the United States of America or of any other governmental authority or, in the case of the Depository, the Depository's Agents or the Registrar, by reason of any provision, present or future, of the Corporation's Restated Certificate of Incorporation (including the Certificate) or by reason of any act of God or war or other circumstance beyond the control of the relevant party, the Depository, the Depository's Agents, the Registrar or the Corporation shall be prevented, delayed or forbidden from, or subjected to any penalty on account of, doing or performing any act or thing which the terms of this Agreement provide shall be done or performed. Nor shall the Depository, any Depository's Agent, any Registrar or the Corporation incur liability to any Holder of a Receipt (i) by reason of any nonperformance or delay, caused as aforesaid, in the performance of any act or thing which the terms of this Agreement shall provide shall or may be done or performed, or (ii) by reason of any exercise of, or failure to exercise, any discretion provided for in this Agreement except, in case of any such exercise or failure to exercise discretion not caused as aforesaid, if caused by the gross negligence or willful misconduct of the party charged with such exercise or failure to exercise, or as otherwise explicitly set forth in this Agreement.

Section 5.3. Obligations of the Depository, the Depository's Agents, the Registrar and the Corporation.

None of the Depository, any Depository's Agent, any Registrar or the Corporation assumes any obligation or shall be subject to any liability under this Agreement to Holders of Receipts other than for its gross negligence, willful misconduct or bad faith.

None of the Depository, any Depository's Agent, any Registrar or the Corporation shall be under any obligation to appear in, prosecute or defend any action, suit or other proceeding in respect of the Stock, the Depository Shares or the Receipts, which, in its opinion, may involve it

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in expense or liability, unless indemnity satisfactory to it against all expense and liability be furnished as often as may be reasonably required.

None of the Depository, any Depository's Agent, any Registrar or the Corporation shall be liable for any action or any failure to act by it in reliance upon the written advice of legal counsel or accountants, or information from any person presenting Stock for deposit, any Holder of a Receipt or any other person believed by it in good faith to be competent to give such information. The Depository, any Depository's Agent, any Registrar and the Corporation may each rely, and shall each be protected in acting upon or omitting to act upon any written notice, request, direction or other document believed by it to be genuine and to have been signed or presented by the proper party or parties.

The Depository shall indemnify the Corporation against any liability which may directly arise out of acts performed or omitted by the Depository or any Depository's Agent due to its or their gross negligence, willful misconduct or bad faith.

The Depository shall not be responsible for any failure to carry out any instruction to vote any of the shares of Stock or for the manner or effect of any such vote made, as long as any such action or inaction is not taken in bad faith. The Depository undertakes, and any Registrar shall be required to undertake, to perform such duties and only such duties as are specifically set forth in this Agreement, and no implied covenants or obligations shall be read into this Agreement against the Depository or any Registrar.

The Depository, its parent, affiliates or subsidiaries, the Depository's Agents and the Registrar may own, buy, sell and deal in any class of securities of the Corporation and its affiliates and in Receipts or Depository Shares or become pecuniarily interested in any transaction in which the Corporation or its affiliates may be interested or contract with or lend money to any such person or otherwise act as fully or as freely as if it were not the Depository, the parent, affiliate or subsidiary or the Depository's Agents or the Registrar hereunder. The Depository may also act as trustee, transfer agent or registrar of any of the securities of the Corporation and its affiliates.

It is intended that none of the Depository, any Depository's Agent or the Registrar, acting as the Depository's Agent or Registrar, as the case may be, shall be deemed to be an "issuer" of the securities under the federal securities laws or applicable state securities laws, it being expressly understood and agreed that the Depository, any of the Depository's Agents and the Registrar are acting only in a ministerial capacity as Depository or Registrar for the Stock.

None of the Depository (or its officers, directors, employees or agents), any Depository's Agent or the Registrar makes any representation or has any responsibility as to the validity of the registration statement pursuant to which the Depository Shares are registered under the Securities Act, the Stock, the Depository Shares or the Receipts (except for its counter-signatures thereon) or any instruments referred to therein or herein, or as to the correctness of any statement made therein or herein.

The Depository assumes no responsibility for the correctness of the description that appears in the Receipts. Notwithstanding any other provision herein or in the Receipts, the

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Depository makes no warranties or representations as to the validity or genuineness of any Stock at any time deposited with the Depository hereunder or of the Depository Shares, as to the validity or sufficiency of this Agreement, as to the value of the Depository Shares or as to any right, title or interest of the record holders of Receipts in and to the Depository Shares. The Depository shall not be accountable for the use or application by the Corporation of the Depository Shares or the Receipts or the proceeds thereof.

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary herein, no party to this Agreement shall be liable for any incidental, indirect, special or consequential damages of any nature whatsoever, including, but not limited to, loss of anticipated profits, occasioned by breach of any provision of this Agreement even if apprised of the possibility of such damages.

The Depository shall not be under any liability for interest on any monies at any time received by it pursuant to any of the provisions of this Agreement or of the Receipts, the Depository Shares or the Stock nor shall it be obligated to segregate such monies from other monies held by it, except as required by law. The Depository shall not be responsible for advancing funds on behalf of the Corporation and shall have no duty or obligation to make any payments if it has not timely received sufficient funds to make timely payments.

In the event the Depository believes any ambiguity or uncertainty exists hereunder or in any notice, instruction, direction, request or other communication, paper or document received by the Depository hereunder, or in the administration of any of the provisions of this Agreement, the Depository shall deem it necessary or desirable that a matter be proved or established prior to taking, omitting or suffering to take any action hereunder, the Depository may, in its sole discretion upon written notice to the Corporation, refrain from taking any action and shall be fully protected and shall not be liable in any way to the Corporation, any Holders of Receipts or any other person or entity for refraining from taking such action, unless the Depository receives written instructions or a certificate signed by the Corporation which eliminates such ambiguity or uncertainty to the satisfaction of the Depository or which proves or establishes the applicable matter to the satisfaction of the Depository.

The Depository undertakes not to issue any Receipt other than to evidence the Depository Shares representing interests in the shares of Stock that have been delivered to and are then on deposit with the Depository. The Depository also undertakes not to sell, except as provided herein, pledge or lend Depository Shares or any shares of deposited Stock by it as Depository.

The Depository shall not be held to have notice of any change of authority of any person, until receipt of written notice thereof from the Corporation. The obligations of the Corporation and the rights of the Depository set forth in this Section 5.3 shall survive the termination of this Agreement and any succession of any of the Depository, the Registrar or the Depository's Agents.



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#### Section 5.4. Resignation and Removal of the Depository; Appointment of Successor Depository.

The Depository may at any time resign as Depository hereunder by delivering notice of its election to do so to the Corporation, such resignation to take effect upon the appointment of a successor Depository and its acceptance of such appointment as hereinafter provided.

The Depository may at any time be removed by the Corporation by notice of such removal delivered to the Depository, such removal to take effect upon the appointment of a successor Depository hereunder and its acceptance of such appointment as hereinafter provided.

In case at any time the Depository acting hereunder shall resign or be removed, the Corporation shall, within 60 days after the delivery of the notice of resignation or removal, as the case may be, appoint a successor Depository, which shall be a bank or trust company having its principal office in the United States of America and having a combined capital and surplus of at least \$50,000,000. If no successor Depository shall have been so appointed and have accepted appointment within 60 days after delivery of such notice, the resigning or removed Depository may petition any court of competent jurisdiction for the appointment of a successor Depository. Every successor Depository shall execute and deliver to its predecessor and to the Corporation an instrument in writing accepting its appointment hereunder, and thereupon such successor Depository, without any further act or deed, shall become fully vested with all the rights, powers, duties and obligations of its predecessor and for all purposes shall be the Depository under this Agreement, and such predecessor, upon payment of all sums due it and on the written request of the Corporation, shall promptly execute and deliver an instrument transferring to such successor all rights and powers of such predecessor hereunder, shall duly assign, transfer and deliver all right, title and interest in the Stock and any moneys held hereunder to such successor, and shall deliver to such successor a list of the Record Holders of all outstanding Receipts and such records, books and other information in its possession relating thereto.

Any entity into or with which the Depository may be merged, consolidated or converted shall be the successor of the Depository without the execution or filing of any document or any further act, and notice thereof shall not be required hereunder. Such successor Depository may authenticate the Receipts in the name of the predecessor Depository or its own name as successor Depository.

#### Section 5.5. Corporate Notices and Reports.

The Corporation agrees that it will deliver to the Depository, and the Depository will, promptly after receipt thereof, transmit to the Record Holders of Receipts, in each case at the addresses recorded in the Depository's books, copies of all notices and reports (including without limitation financial statements) required by law, by the rules of any national securities exchange upon which the Stock, the Depository Shares or the Receipts are listed or by the Corporation's Restated Certificate of Incorporation (including the Certificate), to be furnished to the Record Holders of Receipts. Such transmission will be at the Corporation's expense and the Corporation will provide the Depository with such number of copies of such documents as the Depository may reasonably request. In addition, the Depository will transmit to the Record Holders of

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Receipts at the Corporation's expense, including applicable fees, such other documents as may be requested by the Corporation.

Section 5.6. Indemnification by the Corporation.

Subject to Section 5.3, the Corporation shall indemnify the Depository, any Depository's Agent and any Registrar (including each of their officers, directors, agents and employees) against, and hold each of them harmless from, any loss, damage, cost, penalty, liability or expense (including the reasonable costs and expenses of defending itself) which may arise out of acts performed, suffered or omitted to be taken in connection with this Agreement and the Receipts by the Depository, any Registrar or any of their respective agents (including any Depository's Agent) and any transactions or documents contemplated hereby, except for any liability arising out of negligence, willful misconduct or bad faith on the respective parts of any such person or persons. The obligations of the Corporation and the rights of the Depository set forth in this Section 5.6 shall survive the termination of this Agreement and any succession of any Depository, Registrar or Depository's Agent.

Section 5.7. Fees, Charges and Expenses.

The Corporation agrees promptly to pay the Depository the compensation to be agreed upon with the Corporation for all services rendered by the Depository hereunder and to reimburse the Depository for its reasonable out-of-pocket expenses (including reasonable counsel fees and expenses) incurred by the Depository without negligence, willful misconduct or bad faith on its part (or on the part of any agent or Depository's Agent) in connection with the services rendered by it (or such agent or Depository's Agent) hereunder. The Corporation shall pay all charges of the Depository in connection with the initial deposit of the Stock and the initial issuance of the Depository Shares and any redemption or exchange of the Stock at the option of the Corporation. The Corporation shall pay all transfer and other taxes and governmental charges arising solely from the existence of the depository arrangements. All other transfer and other taxes and governmental charges shall be at the expense of Holders of Depository Shares evidenced by Receipts. If, at the request of a Holder of Receipts, the Depository incurs charges or expenses for which the Corporation is not otherwise liable hereunder, such Holder will be liable for such charges and expenses; provided, however, that the Depository may, at its sole option, request that the Corporation direct a Holder of a Receipt to prepay the Depository any charge or expense the Depository has been asked to incur at the request of such Holder of Receipts. The Depository shall present its statement for charges and expenses to the Corporation at such intervals as the Corporation and the Depository may agree.

Section 5.8. Tax Compliance.

Computershare and, where applicable, the Trust Company, on its own behalf and on behalf of the Corporation, will comply with all applicable certification, information reporting and withholding (including "backup" withholding) requirements imposed by applicable tax laws, regulations or administrative practice with respect to (i) any payments made with respect to the Depository Shares or (ii) the issuance, delivery, holding, transfer, redemption or exercise of rights under the Depository Receipts or the Depository Shares. Such compliance shall include,

without limitation, the preparation and timely filing of required returns and the timely payment of all amounts required to be withheld to the appropriate taxing authority or its designated agent.

The Depository shall comply with any direction received from the Corporation with respect to the application of such requirements to particular payments or holders or in other particular circumstances, and may for purposes of this Agreement rely on any such direction in accordance with the provisions of Section 5.3 hereof.

The Depository shall maintain all appropriate records documenting compliance with such requirements, and shall make such records available on request to the Corporation or to its authorized representatives.

## **ARTICLE VI AMENDMENT AND TERMINATION**

### Section 6.1. Amendment.

The form of the Receipts and any provisions of this Agreement may at any time and from time to time be amended by agreement between the Corporation and the Depository in any respect which they may deem necessary or desirable; provided, however, that no such amendment (other than a change in fees) which shall materially and adversely alter the rights of the Holders of Receipts shall be effective unless such amendment shall have been approved by the Holders of Receipts evidencing at least a majority of the Depository Shares then outstanding. Every Holder of an outstanding receipt at the time any such amendment becomes effective shall be deemed, by continuing to hold such Receipt, to consent and agree to such amendment and to be bound by this Agreement.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, in no event shall the Corporation be required to execute any amendment which may impair the right, subject to the provisions of Sections 2.6 and 2.7 and Article III, of any owner of Depository Shares to surrender any Receipt evidencing such Depository Shares to the Depository with instructions to deliver to the Holder the Stock and all money represented thereby, except in order to comply with mandatory provisions of applicable law or the rules and regulations of any governmental body, agency or commission, or applicable securities exchange. As a condition precedent to the Depository's execution of any amendment, the Corporation shall deliver to the Depository a certificate from a duly authorized officer of the Corporation that states that the proposed amendment is in compliance with the terms of this Section 6.1, except that, if, under the foregoing paragraph, such amendment would require approval of at least a majority of Holders of Receipts to be effective, such Holders shall be deemed to have consented and agreed to such amendment for purposes of the statement in such certificate that such amendment is in compliance with the terms of this Section 6.1.

### Section 6.2. Termination.

This Agreement may be terminated by the Corporation or the Depository only if (i) all outstanding Depository Shares issued hereunder have been redeemed pursuant to Section 2.9, or (ii) there shall have been made a final distribution in respect of the Stock in connection with any liquidation, dissolution or winding up of the Corporation and such distribution shall have been

distributed to the Holders of Receipts representing Depository Shares pursuant to Section 4.1 or 4.2, as applicable.

Upon the termination of this Agreement, the Corporation shall be discharged from all obligations under this Agreement except for its obligations to the Depository, any Depository's Agent and any Registrar under Sections 5.6 and 5.7.

**ARTICLE VII  
MISCELLANEOUS**

Section 7.1. Counterparts.

This Agreement may be executed in any number of counterparts, and by each of the parties hereto on separate counterparts, each of which counterparts, when so executed and delivered, shall be deemed an original, but all such counterparts taken together shall constitute one and the same instrument. A signature to this Agreement transmitted electronically shall have the same effect as an original signature.

Section 7.2. Exclusive Benefit of Parties.

This Agreement is for the exclusive benefit of the parties hereto, and their respective successors hereunder, and shall not be deemed to give any legal or equitable right, remedy or claim to any other person whatsoever.

Section 7.3. Invalidity of Provisions.

In case any one or more of the provisions contained in this Agreement or in the Receipts should be or become invalid, illegal or unenforceable in any respect, the validity, legality and enforceability of the remaining provisions contained herein or therein shall in no way be affected, prejudiced or disturbed thereby.

Section 7.4. Notices.

Any and all notices to be given to the Corporation hereunder or under the Receipts shall be in writing and shall be deemed to have been duly given if personally delivered or sent by mail, or by facsimile transmission or electronic mail, confirmed by letter, addressed to the Corporation at

Bank of America Corporation  
Bank of America Corporate Center  
NC1-007-06-11  
100 North Tryon Street  
Charlotte, North Carolina 28255  
Attn: Corporate Treasury – Strategic Asset Liability Management  
Facsimile: (704) 548-5999  
Email: TMTreasuryFunding@bofa.com

or at any other addresses of which the Corporation shall have notified the Depository in writing.

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Any and all notices to be given to the Depository hereunder or under the Receipts shall be in writing and shall be deemed to have been duly given if personally delivered or sent by mail, or by facsimile transmission confirmed by letter, addressed to the Depository at the Depository's Office at

Computershare Trust Company, N.A.  
c/o Computershare Inc.  
150 Royall Street  
Canton, Massachusetts 02021  
Attention: General Counsel  
Facsimile: 781-575-4210

or at any other address of which the Depository shall have notified the Corporation in writing.

The Depository shall give any and all notices directed to be given by the Corporation to any Record Holder of a Receipt in writing, which notices shall be deemed to have been duly given if personally delivered or sent by mail or facsimile transmission or confirmed by letter, addressed to such Record Holder at the address of such Record Holder as it appears on the books of the Depository (*provided* that, if the Depository Shares are held through DTC, the Depository shall give any and all notices in accordance with the procedures of DTC).

Delivery of a notice sent by mail or by facsimile transmission shall be deemed to be effected at the time when a duly addressed letter containing the same (or a confirmation thereof in the case of a facsimile transmission) is deposited, postage prepaid, in a post office letter box. The Depository or the Corporation may, however, act upon any facsimile transmission received by it from the other, notwithstanding that such facsimile transmission shall not subsequently be confirmed by letter or as aforesaid.

#### Section 7.5. Appointment of Registrar and Transfer Agent, Dividend Disbursing Agent and Redemption Agent.

Unless otherwise set forth on a certificate duly executed by an authorized officer of the Corporation, the Corporation hereby appoints the Trust Company as Registrar and Transfer Agent and Computershare as dividend disbursing agent and redemption agent in respect of the Stock deposited with the Depository hereunder and the Receipts, and the Trust Company and Computershare hereby accept their respective appointments. With respect to the appointments of the Trust Company as Registrar and Transfer Agent and Computershare as dividend disbursing agent and redemption agent in respect of the Stock and the Receipts, each of the Corporation, the Trust Company and Computershare, in their respective capacities under such appointments, shall be entitled to the same rights, indemnities, immunities and benefits as the Corporation and Depository hereunder, respectively, as if explicitly named in each such provision.

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Section 7.6. Holders of Receipts Are Parties.

The Holders of Receipts from time to time shall be parties to this Agreement and shall be bound by all of the terms and conditions hereof and of the Receipts. The provisions of this Agreement are intended to benefit only the parties hereto and their respective permitted successors and assigns, and no rights shall be granted to any other person by virtue of this Agreement.

Section 7.7. Governing Law.

This Agreement and the Receipts of each series and all rights hereunder and thereunder and provisions hereof and thereof shall be governed by, and construed in accordance with, the laws of the State of New York without giving effect to applicable conflicts of law principles.

Section 7.8. Headings.

The headings of articles and sections in this Agreement and in the form of the Receipt set forth in Exhibit A hereto have been inserted for convenience only and are not to be regarded as a part of this Agreement or the Receipts or to have any bearing upon the meaning or interpretation of any provision contained herein or in the Receipts.

[Signature page follows.]

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Corporation, Computershare and the Trust Company have duly executed this Agreement as of the day and year first above set forth.

BANK OF AMERICA CORPORATION

By: /s/ Karim Kajani  
Name: Karim Kajani  
Title: Director

COMPUTERSHARE INC.

By: /s/ Dennis V. Moccia  
Name: Dennis V. Moccia  
Title: Senior Manager, Contract Operations

COMPUTERSHARE TRUST COMPANY, N.A.

By: /s/ Dennis V. Moccia  
Name: Dennis V. Moccia  
Title: Senior Manager, Contract Operations

**[SIGNATURE PAGE TO DEPOSIT AGREEMENT – SERIES QQ]**

EXHIBIT A

[FORM OF FACE OF RECEIPT]

THE DEPOSITARY SHARES REPRESENTED BY THIS CERTIFICATE ARE NOT SAVINGS ACCOUNTS, DEPOSITS OR OTHER OBLIGATIONS OF A BANK AND ARE NOT INSURED BY THE FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION OR ANY OTHER GOVERNMENT AGENCY.

*[To be included in any DTC Receipt or other global Receipt:]* UNLESS THIS RECEIPT IS PRESENTED BY AN AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE OF THE DEPOSITORY TRUST COMPANY, A NEW YORK CORPORATION (“DTC”), TO THE CORPORATION OR ITS AGENT (INCLUDING THE DEPOSITORY) FOR REGISTRATION OF TRANSFER, EXCHANGE, OR PAYMENT, AND ANY RECEIPT ISSUED IS REGISTERED IN THE NAME OF CEDE & CO. OR IN SUCH OTHER NAME AS IS REQUESTED BY AN AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE OF DTC (AND ANY PAYMENT IS MADE TO CEDE & CO. OR TO SUCH OTHER ENTITY AS IS REQUESTED BY AN AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE OF DTC), ANY TRANSFER, PLEDGE, OR OTHER USE HEREOF FOR VALUE OR OTHERWISE BY OR TO ANY PERSON IS WRONGFUL INASMUCH AS THE REGISTERED OWNER HEREOF, CEDE & CO., HAS AN INTEREST HEREIN.

TRANSFERS OF THIS RECEIPT SHALL BE LIMITED TO TRANSFERS IN WHOLE, BUT NOT IN PART, TO NOMINEES OF DTC OR TO A SUCCESSOR THEREOF OR SUCH SUCCESSOR’S NOMINEE AND TRANSFERS OF PORTIONS OF THIS RECEIPT SHALL BE LIMITED TO TRANSFERS MADE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE RESTRICTIONS SET FORTH IN THE DEPOSIT AGREEMENT REFERRED TO BELOW. IN CONNECTION WITH ANY TRANSFER, THE HOLDER WILL DELIVER TO THE REGISTRAR AND TRANSFER AGENT SUCH CERTIFICATES AND OTHER INFORMATION AS SUCH REGISTRAR AND TRANSFER AGENT MAY REQUIRE TO CONFIRM THAT THE TRANSFER COMPLIES WITH THE FOREGOING RESTRICTIONS.]

Number DR- \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Depository Shares  
(CUSIP 06055H806)

DEPOSITARY RECEIPT FOR DEPOSITARY SHARES,  
EACH REPRESENTING ONE ONE-THOUSANDTH OF ONE SHARE OF  
4.250% NON-CUMULATIVE PREFERRED STOCK, SERIES QQ, OF  
BANK OF AMERICA CORPORATION  
Incorporated under the laws of the State of Delaware  
(See reverse for certain definitions.)

Computershare Inc., a Delaware corporation, and Computershare Trust Company, N.A., a national banking association, acting jointly as Depository (the “Depository”), hereby certifies that CEDE & CO. is the registered owner of \_\_\_\_\_ (\_\_\_\_\_) DEPOSITARY SHARES (“Depository Shares”), each Depository Share representing one one-thousandth of a share of 4.250% Non-Cumulative Preferred Stock, Series QQ, liquidation preference \$25,000 per share, par value \$0.01 per share (the “Stock”), of BANK OF AMERICA CORPORATION, a Delaware corporation (the “Corporation”), on deposit with the Depository, subject to the terms and entitled to the benefits of the Deposit Agreement dated as of October 25, 2021 (the “Deposit Agreement”), among the Corporation, Computershare Inc., Computershare Trust Company, N.A. and the Holders from time to time of the Depository Receipts. By accepting this Depository Receipt, the Holder hereof becomes a party to and agrees to be bound by all the terms and



conditions of the Deposit Agreement. This Depositary Receipt shall not be valid or obligatory for any purpose or entitled to any benefits under the Deposit Agreement unless it shall have been executed by the Depository by the manual or facsimile signature of a duly authorized officer and countersigned and registered by the Transfer Agent and Registrar.

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

Computershare Inc. and Computershare Trust Company, N.A., as  
Depository

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Authorized Officer

Countersigned and Registered:  
Computershare Trust Company, N.A.,  
Transfer Agent and Registrar

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Authorized Signatory

[FORM OF REVERSE OF RECEIPT]  
BANK OF AMERICA CORPORATION

UPON REQUEST, BANK OF AMERICA CORPORATION WILL FURNISH WITHOUT CHARGE TO EACH HOLDER OF A DEPOSITARY RECEIPT WHO SO REQUESTS A COPY OF THE DEPOSIT AGREEMENT AND A COPY OR SUMMARY OF THE CERTIFICATE OF DESIGNATIONS OF THE 4.250% NON-CUMULATIVE PREFERRED STOCK, SERIES QQ, OF BANK OF AMERICA CORPORATION. ANY SUCH REQUEST IS TO BE ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY OF THE CORPORATION OR THE DEPOSITARY NAMED ON THE FACE OF THIS RECEIPT.

The Corporation will furnish without charge to each holder of a depositary receipt who so requests the powers, designations, preferences and relative, participating, optional or other special rights of each class of stock or series thereof of the Corporation, and the qualifications, limitations or restrictions of such preferences or rights. Such request may be made to the Corporation or to the Registrar.

KEEP THIS CERTIFICATE IN A SAFE PLACE. IF IT IS LOST, STOLEN OR DESTROYED THE CORPORATION WILL REQUIRE A BOND OF INDEMNITY AS A CONDITION TO THE ISSUANCE OF A REPLACEMENT CERTIFICATE.

The following abbreviations, when used in the inscription on the face of this certificate, shall be construed as though they were written out in full according to applicable laws or regulations:

TEN COM – as tenants in common  
TEN ENT – as tenants by the entireties  
JT TEN – as joint tenants with right of survivorship and not as tenants in common

UNIF GIFT MIN ACT - \_\_\_\_\_ Custodian \_\_\_\_\_  
(Cust) (Minor)  
Under Uniform Gifts to Minors Act  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(State)

Additional abbreviations may also be used though not in the above list.

For value received, \_\_\_\_\_ hereby sell, assign and transfer unto

PLEASE INSERT SOCIAL SECURITY OR OTHER IDENTIFYING NUMBER OF ASSIGNEE

\_\_\_\_\_  
(PLEASE PRINT OR TYPEWRITE NAME AND ADDRESS, INCLUDING ZIP CODE, OF ASSIGNEE)

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ Depository Shares represented by the within Certificate, and do(es) hereby irrevocably constitute and appoint \_\_\_\_\_ Attorney to transfer the Depository Shares on the books of the within named Depository with full power of substitution in the premises.

Dated \_\_\_\_\_

**NOTICE:** THE SIGNATURE TO THIS ASSIGNMENT MUST CORRESPOND WITH THE NAME AS WRITTEN UPON THE FACE OF THE CERTIFICATE IN EVERY PARTICULAR, WITHOUT ALTERATION OR ENLARGEMENT OR ANY CHANGE WHATSOEVER.

**SIGNATURE(S) GUARANTEED:** \_\_\_\_\_  
THE SIGNATURE(S) SHOULD BE GUARANTEED BY AN ELIGIBLE GUARANTOR INSTITUTION (BANKS, STOCKBROKERS, SAVINGS AND LOAN ASSOCIATIONS AND CREDIT UNIONS WITH MEMBERSHIP IN AN APPROVED SIGNATURE GUARANTEE PROGRAM), PURSUANT TO RULE 17Ad-15 UNDER THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934.